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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Agriculture

Issue of improved strains of cholam, etc., to ryots.

*370 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether any improved strains of cholam, ragi and groundnuts have been issued to the ryots and if so where and in what quantities?

A.—Yes. The information is furnished below for the year 1928-29:—

Cholam (Jonna)—

T-1. White variety—Strain evolved at Hagari—
1,107 lb. in Bellary district.
210 lb. in VIII circle and 80 lb. in VII circle.

T-C. Yellow variety—
9,304 lb. in Nandyal sub-circle.

Periamanjal cholam—
2,002 lb. in VIII circle.

Ragi—

T-8. Strain evolved at Hagari—
4,809 lb. in Ceded districts.

H-22. Strain evolved by the Mysore Agricultural Department—
1,487 lb. in Salem district and Kollegal taluk of Coimbatore district.

Groundnut—

661 lb. in the IV circle.

The Agricultural department will shortly be in a position to distribute larger quantities of improved seed of both cholam and ragi.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know how long it is since this white variety was established?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know from the hon. Minister the extent of the land that has given yield of thousand and odd pounds and the conditions of yield?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"In the answer it is stated that the department will shortly be in a position to distribute larger quantities of improved seed. May I know for how many acres?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Notice."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know from the hon. Minister whether he will make similar enquiries in regard to the other varieties contained in the answer?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Yes, Sir."